Chapter 93: The Great Barrier
I WONDER HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED.
MORNING ALREADY?
AND I EXPERI-ENCED NO EMOTION AFTER ALL.
I'M STILL ALIVE.
I SHOULDN'T STAY HERE FOREVER.
NEXT TIME.
BUT I CERTAINLY FELT LIKE I WAS CLOSE TO UNDER-STANDING SOMETHING AT THAT MOMENT.
I'LL MAKE USE OF THIS EXPERI-ENCE NEXT TIME.
THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME FOR YOU.
RETURN WEISE TO NORMAL.
OR YOU DIE.
WHO ARE YOU?
RETURN THE CITY TO NORMAL.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING A DEMON SHOULD RISK THEIR LIFE FOR.
I COULDN'T SENSE HER MANA AT ALL UNTIL SHE WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME.
...
FASCI-NATING.
MAGIC IS ABOUT IMAGINA-TION.
SO IT'S IRREVERS-IBLE?
FORCING SOMETHING TO TURN INTO GOLD AND CHANGING IT BACK ARE TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT THINGS.
TRANSMUTING PEOPLE INTO GOLD DOES NOT HAVE AN EQUAL VALUE TO CREATING PEOPLE OUT OF GOLD.
A MONSTER LIKE YOU, WHO IS INCAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING HUMANITY...
...CAN'T RETURN THE PEOPLE OF WEISE TO NORMAL.
YOU LITTLE...
KLINK
VSH
WHAT DID YOU DO?
I SEE.
YOU REFLECT-ED MY MAGIC BACK AT ME.
MISTIL-ZIELA! CURSE REVERSAL SPELL!
IT'S A SHAME YOU DIDN'T GO ALL OUT.
I COULD HAVE TURNED YOUR WHOLE BODY INTO GOLD.
HOW CAN YOU PULL OFF SUCH A TRICK?
WITH HUMANITY'S UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC, IT SHOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ANALYZE HOW DIAGOLZE WORKS.
I DON'T NEED TO ANALYZE IT.
MY SPELL SIMPLY REFLECTS ANYTHING IT PERCEIVES AS A CURSE BACK ON ITS CASTER.
IT'S A SPELL BASED ON HUMANITY'S ACCUMULATED WISDOM FROM THE AGE OF MYTH.
AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S PRIMITIVE AND DOESN'T RELY ON LOGIC OR ANALYSIS.
I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF IT PERSONALLY, BUT...
...IT'S PERFECT FOR SLAYING YOU.
YOU WENT TOO FAR...
...MACHT OF THE GOLDEN LAND.
I WILL ASK YOU AGAIN.
WHO ARE YOU?
A GREAT MAGE FROM THE AGE OF MYTH.
I HAVE WALKED THIS EARTH FOR SO LONG THAT YOUR KIND HAS FORGOTTEN TO FEAR ME.
I AM SERIE.
MAKES SENSE.
YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE RECKLESS FOOLS I'VE FOUGHT BEFORE.
FSHH
SO, YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR BODY BACK.
VS
SH
INTER-ESTING...
VOOM
BOOOOM
AND EVEN YOUR CLOTHES.
YOU POSSESS SUCH EXCELLENT MAGICAL SKILL. AND YET YOU CANNOT IMAGINE TURNING HUMANS BACK TO NORMAL.
NO MATTER HOW CLOSE YOU GET TO THE APEX OF MAGIC, YOU'RE STILL A DEMON, AFTER ALL.
SILENCE.
BOOM
VOOSH
OH?
ZOL-TRAAK, HUH?
AND EVEN DEFEN-SIVE MAGIC.
HOW TERRIBLY INTEREST-ING.
SO, WHAT KIND OF MAGIC ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW ME NEXT?
VSH
KSH
NG
IT DOES.
IT SEEMS WE HAVE AN INTER-LOPER.
I AM AWARE. WELL DONE.
LERNEN. I CAN'T HOLD HIM MUCH LONGER.
IF YOU KILL MACHT, WE'LL LOSE THE CHANCE TO LEARN DIAGOLZE.
THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR, YOU STUPID APPRENTICES.
SO WHAT?
IT COULD ALSO MEAN...
...LOSING A CHANCE TO RETURN WEISE TO NORMAL.
I TOLD YOU TO STAND BY.
LERNEN...
MASTER.
KRAK
KRAK
IF WE DON'T TAKE DOWN MACHT HERE, WE WON'T BE THE LAST TO SUFFER THIS FATE.
THIS GUY POSSESSES THE POWER TO CHANGE THE ENTIRE NORTHERN PLATEAU INTO GOLD IF HE TRIES.
IT'S TOO MUCH TO OVERLOOK.
...FOR DECADES OR CENTURIES-- AS MANY YEARS AS IT TAKES...
...UNTIL WE FIND A WAY TO RESTORE THE GOLDEN LAND.
WE FIRST-CLASS MAGES WILL KEEP MACHT SEALED.
SOUNDS UNREAL-ISTIC.
YOU SPOILED THE FUN.
THANK YOU.
DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.
I DON'T CARE ANY-MORE.
MASTER...
THIS PLACE CAN'T BE SAVED.
FRIEREN, I OWE YOU.
I MAN-AGED TO ANALYZE MACHT'S MEMORIES THANKS TO YOU.
DAZED
SHE SEEMS OUT OF IT.
MIS-TRESS FRIEREN?
WHAT...?
I'M TRYING TO DO A MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE MEMO-RIES...
IT TAKES A LOT OF MANA.
...OUT OF MANA, MY CAPACITY GOES DOWN.
I CAN'T FUNCTION PROPERLY IN THIS STATE.
YOU'LL HAVE TO FEED ME, FERN.
ALSO, HELP ME GET CHANGED, TAKE A BATH, AND FIX MY HAIR, OKAY?
ISN'T THAT WHAT I ALWAYS DO?
VCH
?!
WHAT'S WRONG, FERN?
JUST NOW, I SENSED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MANA FOR A BRIEF MOMENT...
NOW THEN, I'LL GET STARTED...
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